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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

PETITION OF

YIPES TRANSMISSION VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC010146

For Arbitration Pursuant to
§ 252(b) of the Telecommunications
Act of 1996 to Establish an
Interconnection Agreement

ORDER GRANTING FURTHER EXTENSION

By Preliminary Order of August 21, 2001, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") docketed this petition of Yipes Transmission Virginia, Inc. ("Yipes"), for arbitration of unresolved issues in its interconnection negotiations with Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") pursuant to § 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.¹ In the Preliminary Order, the Commission made certain findings on its jurisdiction to arbitrate pursuant to our Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Service, 20 VAC 5-400-180 F 6. We ordered Yipes and Verizon Virginia to advise the Commission by September 5, 2001, whether they wished to pursue arbitration under 20 VAC 5-400-180 F 6.

By Order Granting Extension of September 12, 2001, the Commission authorized Yipes to advise the Commission by

¹ Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub.L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, *codified* at 47 U.S.C. § 151 *et seq.*

September 21, 2001, of its intention to proceed with its petition. On September 24, 2001, Yipes filed its Motion for Further Extension of Time. According to its motion, Yipes requires additional time to consider whether it should proceed. The disruption and confusion caused by the events of September 11, 2001, have delayed Yipes' review of issues. Yipes requests that the date for advising the Commission be extended to October 5, 2001,

The Commission finds that good cause for the continuance has been shown.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT Yipes shall, by October 5, 2001, advise us in writing whether it wishes to pursue arbitration before us consistent with the findings in our Preliminary Order of August 21, 2001.